

R E M A R K S

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed on July 6, 2004, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

The Examiner is further respectfully requested to approve the drawings.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I. claims 1 to 35, drawn to an immersion nozzle; and
Group II. claims 36 to 45, drawn to a method of continuous casting of steel.

Applicants elect Group II (claims 36 to 45).

Non-elected claims 1 to 35 were canceled hereinabove.
Applicants reserve their right to file a Divisional application under 35 USC 121 directed to claims 1 to 35.

Claim 36 was amended into independent form by including a feature of original claim 1.

- New claim 46 includes the features of original claim 2.
New claim 47 includes the features of original claim 3.
New claim 48 includes the features of original claim 4.
New claim 49 includes the features of original claim 5.
New claim 50 includes the features of original claim 6.
New claim 51 includes the features of original claim 7.
New claim 52 includes the features of original claim 8.
New claim 53 includes the features of original claim 9.
New claim 54 includes features of original claims 36 and
10.
New claim 55 includes the features of original claim 11.
New claim 56 includes the features of original claim 12.
New claim 57 includes the features of original claim 13.
New claim 58 includes the features of original claim 14.
New claim 59 includes the features of original claim 15.
New claim 60 includes the features of original claim 16.
New claim 61 includes the features of original claim 17.
New claim 62 includes the features of original claim 18.
New claim 63 includes the features of original claim 18.

New claim 64 includes features of original claims 36 and
19.

New claim 65 includes the features of original claim 20.

New claim 66 includes the features of original claim 21.

New claim 67 includes the features of original claim 22.

New claim 68 includes the features of original claim 23.

New claim 69 includes the features of original claim 24.

New claim 70 includes the features of original claim 25.

New claim 71 includes the features of original claims 25 and
26.

New claim 72 includes the features of original claims 25 and
27.

New claim 73 includes the features of original claims 25 and
28.

New claim 74 includes features of original claims 36 and
29.

New claim 75 includes the features of original claim 30.

New claim 76 includes features of original claims 36 and
31.

Appl. No. 10/500,789

Reply to Office Action mailed January 7, 2008

New claim 77 includes features of original claims 36 and 32.

New claim 78 includes the features of original claim 33.

New claim 79 includes features of original claims 36 and 34.

New claim 80 includes the features of original claim 35.

Submitted concomitantly herewith is an INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

Enclosed is a Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$800 in payment of 16 additional total claims.

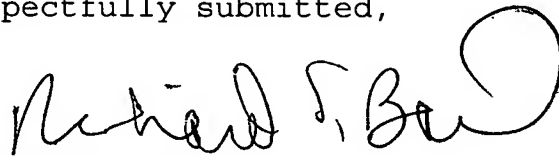
05/13/2008 GFREY1 00000057 10500789

02 FC:1615

800.00 OP

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Barth", written over a horizontal line.

RICHARD S. BARTH
REG. NO. 28,180

FRISHAUF, HOLTZ, GOODMAN & CHICK, P.C.
220 FIFTH AVENUE, 16th FLOOR
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001-7708
Tel. Nos. (212) 319-4900
(212) 319-4551/Ext. 219
Fax No. (212) 319-5101
E-Mail Address: BARTH@FHGC-LAW.COM
RSB/ddf

Encs.: (1) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(2) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(3) Form PTO-2038